

## HR 693

### VACANT Act

**Congress:** 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Jan 31, 2023

**Current Status:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.

**Latest Action:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held. (Apr 18, 2023)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** AR • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (3 total)

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Rep. Murphy, Gregory F. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		May 9, 2023
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-6]	D · MI		Oct 11, 2023
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-7]	D · MI		Dec 12, 2023

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Markup by	Apr 18, 2023

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 8371	Related bill	<b>Nov 19, 2024:</b> Received in the Senate.
118 S 2745	Related bill	<b>Sep 7, 2023:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
118 S 10	Related bill	<b>Feb 16, 2023:</b> Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
118 S 55	Identical bill	<b>Jan 24, 2023:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

## **VA medical Center Absence and Notification Timeline Act or the VACANT Act**

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to comply with certain notification and staffing requirements when a VA medical center director is on detail.

Not later than 90 days after detailing a director of a VA medical center to a different position within the VA, the VA must notify Congress with specified information about the detail (e.g., the location of the detail). Additionally, the VA must appoint an individual as acting director not later than 120 days after detailing a director to a different position.

The VA must regularly update Congress regarding the status of the detail.

Generally, not later than 180 days after detailing a director to a different position, the VA must return the individual to the position as director or reassign the individual from the position and begin the process of hiring a new director. This requirement may be waived for a limited amount of time, but the VA must submit to Congress a justification for the waiver.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 18, 2023:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Mar 29, 2023:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 13, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 31, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 31, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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